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Mrs. E. A. Bryant
3210 W. Adams St
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mrs Bryant:

As you may see by the enclosed program, I am to speak tomorrow before the state nurserymen's convention on a botanic garden for Southern California. As I always speak extemporaneously, I left it today to go and see Arthur Bent at the Chamber of Commerce. He leaves at once for Honolulu and leaves it all to Dr. Clements, with whom I lunched today to glean something tangible to talk upon. There is nothing assured about the Botanic Garden Foundation and I can only dilate upon the importance of such a project and dimly outline the proposed plan.

Now, I had intended also to say that we are assured a botanic of native ^{California} ~~garden~~ plants, describing the undertaking, its scope and importance to the world of science, but no hint as to owner or precise location. Since this determination, which involves no one, I have wondered if I may not have your permission to state it more plainly, who is to do it, what you hope to accomplish, its permanence for the public, its probable endowment, ultimately, and in whose honor. How far can I go in personalities, if at all. It would not necessarily be official. I could say that I had been assured by the owner that it would be done and that I know it will be. I will be governed by your wish.

I have left this until the eleventh hour as I had expected to hear from you ere this, so as the time is short will you kindly phone me what I can say. No time remains for a letter. I shall be

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at office, Van Dyke 5796, until 1:30 today and then will go home,
Garfield 1029. Will you please phone me or, if this does not reach
you in time, I will not mention the subject except as I first
outlined. Friday morning I may be reached by phone at Armstrong's
Nurseries, Ontario, up to going before the audience. The leading
nurserymen will be pleased to hear about this matter and if not
mentioned now will necessarily be deferred for one year.

Yours truly

Ernest H. Brampton

Letter from Dr. Bailey yesterday states he will arrive here the 16th
and I can give the fact of his coming all the publicity I wish.
His family matters and moves ~~and matters~~ only are sacred, so I shall
give statements to the press for I wish the public to know that it
is the world's greatest horticultural and botanical authority
that we are to entertain. You should meet him and I shall feel
honored if I am allowed to be the medium for your coming together.